

# Middlebury COLLEGE

Registration materials will be available at the PALANA Center on Friday, January 17, 1997, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m., and Saturday, January 18, 1997, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the PALANA Center. Alumni arriving at other times may receive registration materials at Campus Security, Carr Hall, (802) 433-5911, or at the scheduled events.

The PALANA Center presents a series of events commemorating the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events include a screening of the film *Montgomery to Memphis* on January 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Sunderland Hall, Room 110; a march from Mead Chapel to the Middlebury town green at noon on January 20; and a lecture by educator and musician, Dr. Greer Dawson Wilson at 4:30 p.m. on January 20 in Gifford Annex.

*Caribbean Visions: Contemporary Painting and Sculpture*, an exhibition of works by 56 painters and sculptors from the Caribbean, presents a broad view of contemporary painting and sculpture of the region with works created by artists who reflect and are inspired by a Caribbean consciousness. The exhibit was assembled with the guidance of noted Caribbean scholar Dr. Samella Lewis. The College Museum of Art will open at noon on January 18 and January 19.

The Pan-African, Latino, Asian, and Native American (PALANA) Center is located at 7 South Street, two doors from President John McCardell's residence.

For assistance and information regarding housing, transportation, or other matters, please contact the Alumni and Parent Programs Office at (802) 443-5187 or Leroy Nesbitt, special assistant to the president, at (802) 443-3166.

The new telephone number for Middlebury College is (802) 443-5000.  
Fax for the Alumni Office is (802) 443-2082.

## Eighth Annual Alumni of Color Weekend



### January 17-20, 1997



**Friday, January 17, 1997**

6 p.m. -10 p.m.

**Dinner and Social Hour**

*PALANA Center*

A buffet dinner will precede an evening of cards, dominoes, music, and fellowship.

**Saturday, January 18, 1997**

11 a.m. -12 p.m.

**Surfing the Internet**

*Voter Hall*

Join students in a demonstration of the World Wide Web, featuring the Middlebury College home page.

1 p.m. -3 p.m.

**Stories of Survival and Success: An Alumni Perspective**

*Coltrane Lounge*

Alumni from three decades will share insights on life at and after Middlebury.

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**A Service of Celebration for Rev. Arnold McKinney '70**

*Mead Chapel*

5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

**Reception**

*Kirk Alumni Center*

10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

**Party**

*Angela's*

*86 Main Street*

**Sunday, January 19, 1997**

9:30 a.m. -11 a.m.

**Coffee/tea/juice**

*Redfield Proctor Room, Proctor Hall*

11 a.m.

**Chapel Service**

*Mead Chapel*

Noon -1:30 p.m.

**Brunch**

*Redfield Proctor Room, Proctor Hall*

1:30 p.m.

**Alumni Photo**

*Mead Chapel*

2:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.

**Volleyball/Hoops**

*Pepin Gymnasium*

3 p.m.

**Tour and Gallery Talk**

***Caribbean Visions: Contemporary Painting and Sculpture***

*Middlebury College Museum of Art,*

*Center for the Arts*

Caribbean art scholar Miriam Basilio from New York will lead an informed viewing of the exhibition.

6 p.m.

**Social Hour**

*Nichols House, 28 Weybridge Street*

Dean Karl Lindholm and Professor Brett Millier will host an informal dinner.



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# MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ALUMNI OF COLOR

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Over the past decade alumni of color have become an increasingly important resource for the College. Alumni have contributed significantly to gains in admissions and have enriched the lives of current students. The fellowship shared and relationships created during alumni gatherings continue to affirm the intentions of those students and young alumni who organized the first alumni of color programs 10 years ago.

We want to thank you in advance for your help and support during the coming year. We hope to see you at one or more of the campus events listed in this newsletter, as well as at regional alumni events in your area. You are always welcome.

LEROY NESBITT '82  
Special Assistant to the President  
ELIZABETH HACKETT ROBINSON '84  
Director of Alumni and Parent Programs

## *Coming Events in 1997-98*

**September 26-28**

Fall Family Weekend I  
PALANA Center Picnic for the Class of 2001

**October 3-5**

Fall Family Weekend II

**October 24-26**

Homecoming-Bicentennial Campaign Launch  
PALANA Center Alumni Conversation and  
Reception with Dr. Robert North '66

**October 30-November 1**

Fifth Annual Sub-Saharan Symposium  
Democracy and Governance: Sub-Saharan  
Africa in the 21st Century

**January 16-19**

Ninth Annual Alumni of Color Weekend

**April**

Latino Symposium  
African American Alliance Fashion Show

**May 24**

Commencement

**May 29-31**

Reunion '98  
Reunion Weekend Alumni of Color Reception

Alumni Convocation in Mead Chapel Saturday morning, October 25. Later in the afternoon the PALANA Center will host a discussion with Dr. North followed by a reception. In 1996 Dr. North became the executive director of the Harbor for Boys and Girls, a nonprofit community-based educational institution in East Harlem. He has been a key player in the development of the Harbor into a multifaceted youth agency. Under his leadership, the center expanded from a summer camp offering sports programs to a year-round resource providing college counseling and tuition help, trips to museums and art galleries, and art and other classes. Dr. North is also a practicing dental surgeon, specializing in pediatric dental services, with offices in Manhattan and the Bronx.

If you are interested in attending Homecoming, you must register! You will find a Homecoming brochure and registration form inserted in your summer 1997 *Middlebury Magazine*. The Alumni Office would be happy to send you another copy, so call if you need additional information.

## *Alumni of Color Honored at Homecoming '97*

During Homecoming '97, Middlebury will honor one of our own with an Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Robert North '66 will receive this prestigious award at

Homecoming will be especially exciting this year because it will officially launch the Bicentennial Campaign. The College celebrates its 200th birthday in the year 2000, and this is the beginning of the fun. Please plan to come and enjoy all the festivities.



## HISTORY BRIEFS



MARTIN FREEMAN  
Class of 1849

"... the Negro is a man, capable we believe of developing all the elements of his latent and long obscured manhood, but he needs for his development a fair field, and equal chance and a free fight."  
—Martin Freeman

Martin Freeman, salutatorian of the Class of 1849, was the second African-American to graduate from Middlebury College. He delivered a moving commencement address in Latin after enduring the rejection of many classmates who desired not to march next to him in the ceremony. Freeman later became a professor at Pittsburgh's Avery College and an early black nationalist in the tradition of Henry Highland Garnet and Alexander Crummell. His best known writing is entitled "The Educational Needs of the Free Colored," published in 1859. An advocate of the back to Africa movement, this native of Rutland, Vermont, left the United States in 1864 for Liberia. He became professor of mathematics at Liberia College, and he also served for a short period as its president. Mr. Freeman died in Liberia after a lifetime of service to the education of blacks in Africa and America.



MARY ANNETTE ANDERSON  
Class of 1899

Mary Annette Anderson was educated at the Northfield School for Girls in Massachusetts and then at Middlebury College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was valedictorian of the Class of 1899. 'Netty' was the first Middlebury woman to speak at the "corporation dinner," an important event at the College in the 19th century. She was also the first of only a handful of African-American women to graduate from a New England college before the 20th century. After graduation, she taught at Straight University in New Orleans and Howard University in Washington, D.C., before her marriage to Walter L. Smith, a teacher at the M Street High School who later became principal of the Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. The Smiths purchased a house in Shoreham, Vermont, Mary's birthplace, where she lived briefly before her early death in 1922.



## *Admissions Update*

Middlebury continued to expand its efforts to recruit students of color during the past year. As a result of numerous referrals from alumni of color and others, the Admissions Office hosted recruitment visits for more than 150 students of color from across the country during the 1996-97 academic year. In 1997-98 the College will continue to sponsor *Summer Seminar*, a three-day residential introduction to the liberal arts college experience; *Discover Middlebury*, a fall weekend program on campus for high school seniors interested in Middlebury; and two visits by New York's *Prep for Prep*.

Applications from 300 students of color resulted in 15 African-Americans, 23 Asian-American, 32 Latino-American, and 6 Native American students matriculating in the Class of 2001.

Last month, Onis Elizabeth Cheatham joined the Admissions Office. She will assume primary responsibility for multicultural recruitment at Middlebury. Her selection is the result of a national search that produced a number of exciting and well-qualified applicants. She is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and earned her M.A. in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University. During her 10-year career, Onis has designed and implemented a number of successful student recruitment and retention programs for students of color.

### **Admissions staff travel for students of color recruitment**

Ian McCray: New Jersey, Tennessee

Kathy Lindsey: New York, Connecticut, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico

Onis Cheatham: New York City, Boston area, Michigan, Washington, D.C., L.A. area

Leroy Nesbitt: Massachusetts, Illinois, Tennessee, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C.

Nadia Lescott '99 and Karina Navarro '00 have been selected to work in the Admissions Office during the 1997-98 academic year to assist with the recruitment of students of color.

The Admissions Office is constructing a diversity section accessible from its home page on the World Wide Web. Check it out later this fall at <http://www.middlebury.edu/~admit/index.html>

## **Grant Promotes Students of Color and Science**

Middlebury was awarded a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute that will enhance our ability to attract applications from the best students of color by involving students in science faculty research. The program director is associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry Robert Cluss. Four members of the Class of 2001 spent six weeks during the summer of 1997 working closely with a Middlebury faculty member on his/her research. The students received a travel allowance, stipend, housing, and meals during their stay on campus. In addition to summer research experience, students will receive a stipend to continue their work with faculty during the 1997-98 academic year and receive financial support to attend science conferences and travel to high schools as science ambassadors. The program will grow to include eight students during the summer of 1998.

## *Ms. Wickland Heads New College Office*

After 17 years of service, Arlinda Ardister Wickland has left her position in the Dean of Students Office in order to devote full attention to fellowship and scholarship opportunities for students. As director of the new Office of Student Fellowships and Scholarships, she will increase postgraduate awards for seniors and recent graduates and also match undergraduates with more competitive opportunities. Many of you came in contact with Ms. Wickland when she directed programs and activities to support students of color, such as the Pre-enrollment Program and Human Relations Committee, and when she served as an adviser to student of color groups. During her tenure, Ms. Wickland initiated and promoted a variety of diversity activities in an effort to bridge communication and understanding between individual students and among student groups. She is looking forward to continuing her relationship with students of color by helping them successfully compete for undergraduate and postgraduate awards.



## *Alumni of Color Facts*

### **Alumni of Color Serving the College**

Michael Obel-Omia '88 ..... Alumni Trustee  
Julia Alvarez '71 ..... Professor of English  
Martin Beatty '84 .... Asst. Professor of Physical Education  
Ian McCray '94 ..... Admissions Counselor  
Leroy Nesbitt '82 ..... Special Assistant to the President

### **Growth of Alumni of Color**

African-American alums  
1994-301—1996-333  
Asian-American alums  
1994-112—1996-199  
Hispanic/Latino American alums  
1994-105—1996-160

### **Useful Names and Numbers**

Admissions Office ..... (802) 443-3000  
Alumni and Parent Programs Office .... (802) 443-5183  
Career Services Office ..... (802) 443-5100  
Leroy Nesbitt '82 ..... (802) 443-3166

### **Contacts for Middlebury Student of Color**

#### **Organizations 1997-98**

*African American Alliance*—Ann-Marie Campbell '98  
*Alianza Latinoamericana y Caribena*—Querube Lopez '99  
*Asian Students Organization*—Ana Kang '98  
*PALANA Center*—Madiana Mustapha '99  
*Pan Caribbean Student Organization*—Natalie Douglas '99  
*Women of Color*—Heidi Vincent '99